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1. Glycerine is produced in Coswig (N 52/E 27) and in Boehlitz-Ehrenberg (N 52/E 11). (1)
2. Up to December 1950, the Coswig Plant had a productive capacity of 200 tons of glycerine per month, which was procured from a sugar base. After 1950, the plant was forced to manufacture glycerine from a soap base which resulted in a reduction of capacity by about 30 percent. The so-called dynamite glycerine, of 98 percent strength, is produced by double distillation and is used in mining explosives. The Boehlitz-Ehrenberg Plant had a productive capacity of 300 tons of glycerine per month. About 200 tons of glycerine were produced in February 1951. This glycerine, which was also produced from a soap base, was a turbid brownish liquid and could only be used by the lacquer industry.
4. In mid-January 1951, five tank cars of glycerine were shipped from the U.S.S.R. to Schoenebeck (N 53/D 73). (2)

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Comments.

- (1) The plants referred to are the Chemische Fabrik (Chemical Factory) in Coswig/Anhalt and the Glycerinfabrik (Glycerine Factory) at 1 Liebigstrasse in Boehlitz-Ehrenberg.

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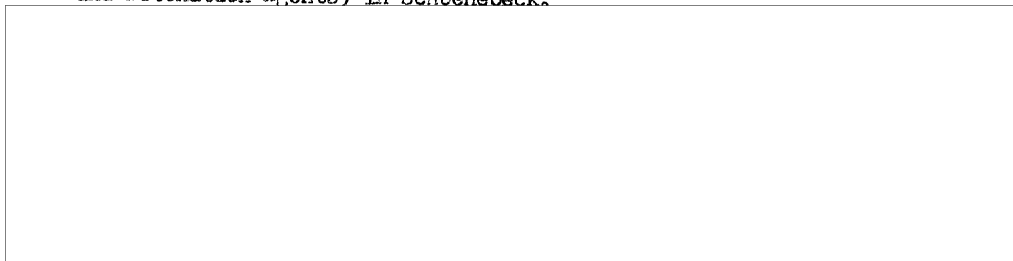
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- (2) The plant receiving Soviet glycerine shipments was the Bergbau-Sprengstoff- und Zuzndmittelwerk (Plant Manufacturing Mining Explosive and Detonation Agents) in Schoenebeck. 50X1-HUM



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